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CHARGES ON SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to charge the mobile phone service providers for the spectrum given to these mobile phone companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount on spectrum proposed to be charged from the mobile phone companies;

(d) whether the charging of this amount from the service providers will result in increased mobile charges for the subscribers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. Presently the Mobile phone service providers are paying spectrum charges based on percentage share of their Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) are given below.

Amount of spectrum allotted (In MHz)	% of AGR
Up to 4.4	2%
Up to 6.2	3%
Up to 10	4%
Up to 12.5	5%
Beyond 12.5	6%

The spectrum charges are reviewed from time to time, taking into account various relevant aspects.

(d) & (e) No Sir.